



ALTRUSA CLUB joins social and civic welfare groups of Torrance. The newly formed local club, with international ties, recently elected its officers. From left, Mrs. Eric Ekstrand, treasurer; Mrs. Charles Roper, vice-president, and Miss Irene Davidson, president, make plans for the club's coming activities.

Torrance Gains International Club 'Altrusa' Organization Meeting Held

A new club has been formed in Torrance, one with international overtones. Altrusa, a derivation of "altruism," is the appropriate name of the club, which will have its main purpose in community and world service.

An organization dinner was held Jan. 3 at the Palms with Mrs. Esther Conrad, president of the sponsoring Long Beach Altrusa club, presiding.

Mayor Albert Isen and Mrs. Isen were guests of honor at the dinner, as well as Fred W. Mill, president of the Torrance Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Mill, and Dick Fitzgerald, secretary of the Chamber of Commerce, and Mrs. Fitzgerald. Presidents of other service clubs were also guests.

Altrusa has a one-of-a-kind executive membership, with only one representative of a specific business or profession invited to join. Membership now reaches approximately 15,000 members, with clubs in Bermuda, Canada, Great Britain, Guatemala, Hawaii, Mexico and Puerto Rico.

Torrance is in the Eleventh District of Altrusa International, which comprises Arizona, California, Lower California, Territory of Hawaii, Mexico and Nevada.

The Annual Conference of Eleventh District is to be held at Disneyland in April, while the next International Convention is to be held at the Edgewater Beach Hotel in Chicago in July.

Two major projects sponsored by Altrusa International, supported by voluntary contributions from members are Founders' Fund Vocational Aid, which enables women to enter the job market, and Grants-in-Aid, that is building friendship with women in Latin America and Asia.

Under the first of these projects, gift grants of \$50 to \$250 are made to women of all ages who need training to become self-employed.

Through the second project, grants of \$250 to \$750 are given Latin American women in North America who need a supplementary sum to finish work in chosen vocations. In 1955 the grant was extended to Asian women.

Each club also selects a project which benefits its own community and cooperates with

Nations, as well as affiliations with many national and international advisory committees and councils.

The first officers of the club elected at a pre-organization meeting are: Mrs. Ruby Irene Davidson, president, Mrs. Charles Roper, vice president, Mrs. Eric Ekstrand, treasurer, Mrs. Mary Louise Fadel, recording secretary, and Mrs. George E. Lallou, corresponding secretary.

Each of these officers is a member of the Executive Board, together with Mrs. Lyle Fenn, Mrs. Dorothy Rind, and Mrs. W. M. Kream.

Other charter members are: Misses Gertrude Burbage, Marilyn Jensen, Charlene Lamb and Ilona Rubenstein, and Mmes. Virginia M. Agnew, DeEtta P. Albertson, Jeanne Bagley, William O. Baker, Bernice D. Blonk, Irene Burns, Ray Ekager, Travis T. Bryan, Natalie Freeman, William L. Greene, Mitzie McDevitt, and H. T. Seaman.

NTCIA MEETS TODAY

The general meeting of the North Torrance Civic Improvement Association will be held today at 8 p.m. at McManis Hall, 174th and Yukon.

Polio Clinic Set for Torrance

A polio clinic sponsored by the Delta Gamma Chapter of Epsilon Sigma Alpha International is scheduled for Jan. 20 and Feb. 24 at the Benstead Plunge from 6 to 9 in the evening.

A charge of \$1 will be asked for the shots. All money over the expenses of the clinic itself will go back into the Polio Foundation's funds.

Mrs. Robert Mosher, president, will be in charge of the Mothers' March with all five local chapters of the sorority conducting the clinic.

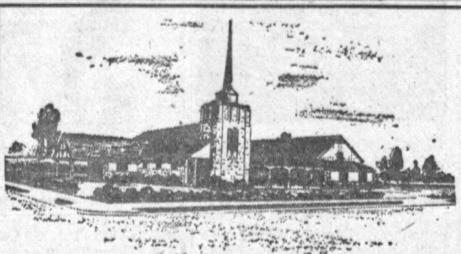
Better Health Course Offered at Local YWCA

"Better Health Through Applied Nutrition" is the title of a six week course beginning Jan. 15 at 1 p.m. at the YWCA corner of Carson and Plaza Del Amo.

A charge of \$5 will be made payable in advance at the office. The course is open to the public.

During the hour and half classes the director will demonstrate how to work with health food products in an experimental "Y" kitchen set up for the purpose. Nursery care will be available for a small charge.

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